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## BUSINESS OF PARLIAMENT.

### An Unusual Interruption at the Opening—Tribute to the Late Premier's Memory.

### Several Perennial Fads Already to the Fore—Details of Some Government Bills.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

OTTAWA, April 18.—Parliament was opened with due formality to-day, in the presence of a brilliant assemblage inside, whilst on Parliament Hill an immense throng watched the military display arranged upon the Governor-General's arrival, the beautifully fine spring weather contributing to the enjoyment. An unusual break occurred in the reading of the speech from the throne in the Senate chamber, where when the Speaker of the Commons had in response to the summons taken his position at the bar, flanked by his fellow Commons who could edge their way in, there was an unusually great crowd. The speech was first read in English, without incident, but when Lord Aberdeen had repeated about half of it in French the name of a score of voices in the body of the chamber became so pronounced that His Excellency paused, manifesting surprise and annoyance, and the astonished Black Rod disengaging for the nonce with dignified reserve, thrice commanded "Silence!" in tones so vigorous as are seldom heard in this solemn chamber. The speech was as follows:

Honorable Gentlemen of the Senate; Gentlemen of the House of Commons; It is with much satisfaction that I again have recourse to your advice and assistance in the administration of the affairs of the Dominion.

By the sudden and lamented death of the late Right Honorable Sir John Thompson, Canada has sustained a grievous loss. The deep and heartfelt sympathy expressed by Her Majesty's Government in the manifestation of sorrow with which the distressing intelligence was received throughout the Empire, as well as tokens of esteem and respect, were paid to the memory of the deceased statesman, have been gratefully appreciated by the people of Canada. Satisfactory assurances have been received from Her Majesty's Government respecting the interpretation of certain clauses in the treaty of commerce between the Dominion and the United States, which will be exchanged as soon as the necessary legislation has been passed.

The depression in trade, which has prevailed throughout the world for the past few years, has not been so severe as in other countries. Although this has not resulted in any considerable decrease in the volume of our foreign trade, yet owing to low prices and recent reductions in and removal of taxation, it has been followed by serious decreases in revenue derived from customs and excise. In order to maintain equilibrium between revenue and expenditure for the coming year, it will be necessary to observe the greatest possible economy in the expenditure of the various branches of the public service.

The recent session of the Imperial Parliament enabling the various Australasian governments to enter into preferential trade relations with the Dominion, has been a source of the Empire affords a striking proof that the suggestions of the colonial conference are being favorably entertained by Her Majesty's Government.

In conformity with the recent judgment of the lords of the judicial committee of the Privy Council, to the effect that the dissenting minority of the people of Manitoba have constitutional rights of appeal to the Governor-General in Council, the act passed by the legislature of the province of Manitoba in relation to the subject of appeal, and my department has been communicated to the legislature of the province. The papers on the subject will be laid before you.

During the period that has elapsed since the last session of parliament, I have had the opportunity of visiting many portions of the Dominion, including the Maritime Provinces, Manitoba, the Northwest Territories and British Columbia. Throughout the tour I have been impressed and gratified by the spirit of abounding loyalty and public spirit, and notwithstanding the phase of trade depression already referred to, I observed everywhere unmistakable signs of that confident hopefulness in the future, based on a thorough belief in the greatness of the resources of Canada, which is one of the chief reasons for the confidence and pledge of further development and progress.

The government of Newfoundland has indicated its desire to renew negotiations looking to the admission of the colony into the Dominion of Canada, a subject which my advisers have recently met in conference a delegation from the island government and discussed with them the terms of union. It will be a subject of general congratulation if the negotiations now pending result in the incorporation of Her Majesty's oldest colonial possession into the Canadian confederation.

Measures relating to bankruptcy and insolvency and to joint stock companies will be laid before you. You will also be asked to consider several amendments to the insurance act; to the act respecting Dominion lands; to the Dominion lands act; to the Indian act; to the Northwest Territories representation act; as also a bill respecting the land subsidy of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons; I have directed that the accounts of the past year shall be laid before you. The estimates for the ensuing year will also be presented. They have been framed with every regard to economy compatible with the efficiency of the public service.

## THE NEWS FROM LONDON.

### Education in the Manitoba Schools—Condemned by the Pope.

### Britain the Representative of European Interests in Nicaragua—Grand Trunk of Canada.

LONDON, April 18.—In a letter regarding the inauguration of the American society in London the Daily News will say to-morrow: "It is curious to notice how the people on both sides of the Atlantic have undergone the feeling of mutual distrust and dislike prevailing in the days of Hawthorne and even later. We all are glad that better times have come; glad that there is no longer occasion for us to offer Americans or for them to offer us formal assurances of good will."

The Daily Telegraph will comment on the formation of the American society in London in the same friendly manner as the Daily News. It will say: "Nothing but good can come of an institution giving our American visitors a home in our midst. The benefits to both parties will be equally great. We heartily wish the undertaking success."

The Times writes: "The Central American republics have been guilty of repeated acts of lawlessness against foreigners, and need a salutary lesson. If the United States claim to extend the Monroe doctrine so as to protect these unruly neighbors, they must also undertake the responsibility of fulfilling their international obligations."

The Messenger of Rome, says that ex-President Lancelotti, a Frenchman who professed to be a Canadian named Delacour, has been expelled from Italy because he wrote news letters to several American newspapers which he calumniated King Humbert, Queen Margherita and Premier Crispien, and spread false reports concerning the Italian government.

There was another severe earthquake at Linz, Austria, a few minutes before 6 o'clock. Several buildings which had been erected by previous shocks were thrown to the ground. The weather and the scantiness and poverty of the food have caused fever and dysentery among the families who are camped outside the town. Many children have died and the sick are numbered by the score.

The Canadian bishops condemning all Catholics from attending Protestant or non-sectarian schools of Manitoba.

## TROUBLED CUBA.

SANTIAGO DE CUBA, April 18.—The Spanish Club gave a banquet in Armas square last evening to the 750 troops who recently arrived from Spain. The soldiers were served by the local volunteers. An enormous crowd gathered in the square and cheered through the night. The forces of the insurgents do not appear to be nearly the number claimed by the rebels, but may be estimated at a total of 8,000, of whom 1,900 are said to be armed with rifles, while the remainder are equipped with spears and bows. The rebels do not possess a single piece of artillery. Captain General Martines Campos has issued a proclamation offering pardon to all insurgents, with the exception of the leaders, who will lay down their arms and surrender. He has made preparations to immediately pursue the members of the bands who refuse to come under the proclamation, and the warfare against them will be waged vigorously.

HAVANA, April 18.—It is stated here that some of the insurgent bands have taken to retreating before the forces of the country. A great number of the rebels were captured at night by the Spanish forces. Several were killed and many were wounded. The rebels do not appear to be nearly the number claimed by the rebels, but may be estimated at a total of 8,000, of whom 1,900 are said to be armed with rifles, while the remainder are equipped with spears and bows.

## THE SCHOOL QUESTION.

WINNIPEG, April 18.—(Special)—Archbishop Langevin, of St. Boniface, was interviewed this afternoon regarding the cablegram from Rome announcing that the Pope had addressed a letter to the Canadian bishops condemning the frequenting of Protestant schools by the Catholics of Manitoba. His Grace said that no such communication had been received by him, and that the only letter upon the subject of the schools which he had received had come from Cardinal Viale-Ledochowski at Rome, a summary of which he had already given to the press. His Grace translated the passage in the letter which referred to the "godless schools," which read as follows: "Some have erroneously thought that there is no danger in those schools which are called 'neutral,' and that Catholic children can be indoctrinated in them; but the very fact of such institutions existing is a scandal, and all other religions, from their teachings inflicts a grievous wound upon the religion itself and damages the high position it should occupy in every human being, particularly in the education of the young. It is not right to say that parents should be free to send their children to such schools, but that they should be free to choose the school for their children."

## BURNED TO DEATH.

KAMLOOPE, April 19.—(Special)—At 4 o'clock on Thursday morning the Dilard hotel, Nicola Lake, caught fire and was quickly consumed. Two boarders, Alexander Ferguson, Miller, brother of the city clerk, and a Brandon man, and Joe Moore, a stranger in the village, perished. The other boarders had narrow escapes. Loss, \$5,000.

A dispatch from Simla to-day says that Umra Khan has informed Sir Robert Low, commander of the British expedition advancing on Chitral, that if the British advance further he intends to fly from the country. The British loss in the fighting on the Pamir river was four killed and twenty-one wounded.

Dr. Price's Cream Baking Powder World's Fair Highest Award.

## NEWS OF THE PROVINCE.

### Struck Blind by Lightning—Sudden Death of a Well-Known Vancouverite.

### Army Work Among the Indians—Interesting News of the Mining Camps.

(Special to the Colonist.)

VANCOUVER, April 18.—The steamer Danabon carried two Salvation Army officers yesterday to visit among the Indians about Port Eslington and Port Simpson. Mr. Conroy was injured recently at Milton's logging camp, has died at St. Paul's hospital.

The cement manufactured last year by the C.P.R., and used in construction work, was satisfactorily tested this week. Work has been received of the death of W. J. Smith, at Vernon, yesterday. Mr. Smith came to Vancouver from Montreal in 1887, and was one of the best known men in the district.

Captain Thomas Lynn was found dead in bed this morning. He was a brother of the late Lynn who was hanged for murder. The late captain was a well-known figure on the streets of Vancouver. He was a vigorous and energetic man, and was a member of the Christian Scientists, and became so irrational that he was confined to the Westminster asylum. He was a member of the Christian Scientists, and became so irrational that he was confined to the Westminster asylum.

VANCOUVER, April 19.—A logging camp has been established at Bear river, nearly 200 miles from Vancouver, by the Hastings Mill Company.

The numerous vestry meetings in the city show the churches to be in a comparatively fair financial condition, and in every instance active efforts are being made to improve the property. A train arrives at Vancouver from the East without a stop at any of the intermediate stations. The new machinery at the O.K. will be put to work this week. A beautiful specimen of a red pine tree, about 100 feet high, was cut at the mill.

The Red Mountain railroad company have succeeded in obtaining the crown grant to the reserve. It is issued subject to surface rights existing prior to August, 1892. The grading gang of the railroad is at work in half a mile of the town. Work is also in progress between Northport and the boundary.

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## WESTMINSTER.

NEW WESTMINSTER, April 18.—It was decided at the district court yesterday that William Dawson must stand his trial on a charge of removing articles from his store that were secured to another party by chattel mortgage.

The wife of Councillor Peter Byrne, of Burnaby municipality, was struck blind by lightning during the recent thunder storm. The news of the sad accident was only made public to-day. Mrs. Byrne was standing at her door when the lightning struck the earth in the vicinity and threw Mrs. Byrne to the ground. She was rendered unconscious by the shock, and when she returned to consciousness she was totally blind. Since this the sight has partially returned to one eye.

NANAIMO, April 18.—It has not yet been determined what part Wellington will take in the Queen's Birthday celebration, and the committee appointed to visit Wellington and ascertain the views of its people will report next week. So far \$400 have been collected for the expenses of the celebration.

A new building will be started at once on the site occupied by Gray's blacksmith shop.

(From the Kootenai Miner.) John Y. Cole, superintendent of the O.K. reports the arrival of the new concentrator at the mine. He also says that the appearance of the mine is most encouraging. There is a fine showing on the breast of the tunnel.

## U. S. RELATIONS.

### Ambassador Rustis Boasts of the Foreign Policy of His Country.

### Fewer Sins to Answer For Than Any Other Nation on Earth.

LONDON, April 19.—The Americans constituting the new American Society in London dined at the Cafe Royal this evening. There were about one hundred and fifty persons present.

Ambassador Rustis, who presided, had on his right James B. Eastis, U.S. ambassador to France, and Gen. Patrick A. Collins, commandant, and on his left Andrew Carnegie. In proposing the first toast of the evening—"To the Queen," Mr. Bayard said: "The manifesto of Mr. Bayard responds to the manifesto of Great Britain in this toast, as Americans of every opinion and party honor the British sovereign. The toast to 'the President of the United States,' was then given by the ambassador. He referred to the honor of the honor of the nation as at all times when the honor of the country demanded decisive steps. 'We who are the voice of our chosen chief when he makes known our demands,' he said, 'and we stand behind his policy. The organization of Americans in the European capital doubtless will mould public opinion to the advantage of our country.'

Ambassador Rustis caused a mild sensation with his response to the toast "Our Queen." "The chief indictment against America by Europeans," he said, "is that we have no ancestors and no ruins. I bear this so often that I occasionally remark I am sorry Boston and Chicago were rebuilt after the great fire." He further said: "If there were to be an international confessional, in which the nations were to confess freely, the United States, I assure you, would have far fewer sins than any other nation on the earth. Look at our foreign policy, for instance. It stands to reason, therefore, that unless we have another big slump in values, the appreciation of Trail Creek property will be permanent; and if there is a general improvement in prices Trail Creek property will improve still more as the general business tone gets better."

The Jole mine is steadily improving both in quantity and quality. More than two hundred tons are on the dump awaiting shipment. The new machinery at the O.K. will be put to work this week. A beautiful specimen of a red pine tree, about 100 feet high, was cut at the mill.

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After turning out over 600 tons of billion the furnace at the Pilot Bay smelter was closed down because there was not enough of dry ore on hand to keep it running. For the last week it was run on Blue Bell ore straight. The No. 1 mine at Ainsworth, going to the condition of the roads, could not make satisfactory returns, and there was no other dry ore in sight. The concentrator and roaster will be kept running to their full capacity, and the furnace will be started up again in about two weeks.

The Hall Mine, Limited, has called for tenders for the construction of an aerial tramway from the Silver King mine to Nelson, a distance of four and a half miles. Bids must be in by May 20.

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